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Atal Innovation Mission
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed important committees in NITI Aayog in different spheres of Research and Planning;

(b)if so, the details thereof along with their composition, roles and responsibilities;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked substantial funds for the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM);

(d) if so, the details thereof and the projects sanctioned under the mission during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the present status of the appointment of Research Officers and Research Assistants and other posts in the NITI Aayog?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)& (b): After its formation on January 1, 2015, NITI Aayog formed following Committees in different spheres of research and studies for achievement of the country's developmental objectives:

1. Research Evaluation Committee for Consultancy by Nomination (RECCN).
2. Research Evaluation Committee (REC) (for Consultancy by Empanelment and Advertisement).
3. Seminar Evaluation Committee (SEC) (both for national and international seminars/conferences/workshops).
4. Logo Evaluation Committee (LEC).
5. NITI Fellowship Committee (NFC).

Details of composition, role & responsibilities of the Committees are as under:

1. Research Evaluation Committee for Consultancy by Nomination (RECCN)

Composition: This committee comprises of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog as Chairperson. The other members of the Committee are all the Members of NITI Aayog, CEO, Additional Secretaries, Adviser of the concerned Subject Matter Vertical and Adviser (Research) of NITI Aayog.

Role & Responsibility: This includes (a) evaluating research proposals to be considered under consultancy by nomination; (b) reducing or increasing any of the budget in the financial proposal of the research studies under nomination, (c) relaxing the ceiling in exceptional cases depending upon the specific requirement.

2. Research Evaluation Committee (REC):

Composition: This Committee comprises of Additional Secretary as chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as its Members.

Role & Responsibility: This includes (a) opening and evaluating the technical and financial bids of the research studies under consultancy by Empanelment and consultancy through Advertisement; (ii) looking into Black Listing or debarring any organizations from receiving any grant from NITI Aayog for a specific period if there is any breach of terms and conditions laid down in the letter of the approval of the concerned Research Proposal/Study.

3. Seminar Evaluation Committee (SEC):

Composition: Additional Secretary as chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as

the Members.

Role & Responsibility: To examine the technical and financial cost of the proposals and for making a suitable recommendation on the budget and technical part of the event.

4. Logo Evaluation Committee (LEC):
Composition: The Additional Secretary is the Chairman with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as Members.

Role & Responsibility: To evaluate the suitability of permitting use of Logo of NITI Aayog for the events such as Seminars/ conferences/ workshops/ summits/ symposium/ exhibitions/ annual functions etc.

5. NITI Fellowship Committee (NFC):

Composition: The Additional Secretary is the chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as the Members.

Role & Responsibility: To give a suitable recommendation for awarding NITI Fellowship to the individual research scholars to conduct a specific study or survey in a limited time period.

(c)& (d): Atal Innovation Mission is a new programme approved by the Cabinet on February 24, 2016. A budget allocation of Rs. 77.15 crore was sanctioned in 2016-17 (R.E.) Further, a budget allocation of Rs. 112 crore has been kept in 2017-18 (B.E.). The Mission has sanctioned 457 Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools and provided scale up support to 6 Established Incubation Centres in 2016-17. The list of the projects sanctioned by the Mission is at Annex I.

(e): The present status of the appointment of Research Officers and Research Assistants and other posts in the NITI Aayog is at Annex II, Annex III and Annex IV.
Annex I
List of Projects sanctioned under Atal Innovation Mission

State/UT Wise distribution of sanctioned ATLs
Sl. No. Name of State / UTs Number of ATLs Sanctioned
1 Delhi 43
2 Maharashtra 42
3 Tamil Nadu 41
4 Uttar Pradesh 33
5 Karnataka 30
6 Kerala 29
7 Haryana 22
8 West Bengal 21
9 Assam 18
10 Gujarat 18
11 Punjab 17
12 Telangana 17
13 Andhra Pradesh 13
14 Chhattisgarh 12
15 Madhya Pradesh 11
16 Rajasthan 11
17 Chandigarh 10
18 Goa 10
19 Uttarakhand 10
20 Sikkim 8
21 Bihar 7
22 Odisha 7
23 Himachal Pradesh 4
24 Jharkhand 4
25 Arunachal Pradesh 3
26 Manipur 3
27 Meghalaya 3
28 Puducherry 3
29 Andaman and Nicobar Island 2
30 Jammu and Kashmir 2
31 Mizoram 2
32 Tripura 1
Total 457
(A) Scale up support to Established Incubation Centres
Sl. No. Name of Incubation Centres State
1 TREC STEP Tiruchirappalli Regional Engineering College, Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park Tamil Nadu
2 Ninety One Springboard Group Delhi
3 Amrita Technology Business Incubator, Kollam Kerala
4 Bio-Incubator Centre at CCAMP, Bangalore Karnataka

5 Livelihoods Consulting India Limited, Hyderabad Telangana
6 NSRCEL, Bangalore Karnataka
Ministry
Name of the post Service/Cadre to which the post belongs Sanctioned Strength In position Remarks
NITI Aayog Pr.Adviser/Sr. Adviser/Adviser Central Staffing Scheme 8 6 DO letter has been issued to EO Division, DoPT for filling up these two vacant posts.
Adviser General Central Service 17
7 Consequent upon restructuring of NITI Aayog, the framing of RRs are under process. Once the RRs are finalized, recruitment to the vacant posts will be initiated.
Joint Adviser and Deputy Adviser General Central Service 40

(combined strength) 29* Do

*14 Officers of IES and ISS cadre are on deputation against NITI Aayog's own posts (JA/DA of GCS).
DS/Director Central Staffing Scheme 15 8# #One post is upgraded to Adviser (JS level). Vacancies intimated to DoPT
DS/Director Central Secretariat Service 6 6 -
Under Secretary Central Secretariat Service 10 9 Appointments are conducted by DoPT
CLDO GCS 1 1 -

Annex II

Annex III
Sl. No. Name of the Post Sanctioned Strength Incumbents Vacancy Remarks
1. Senior Research Officer [General Central Services (GCS)] 31 20(15+5*) 11 12 Research Assistants have been engaged on contract basis to counter the exigency of work due to existing vacancies in the grade Research Officer/ Senior Research Officer/ Deputy Adviser.
2. Research Officer(GCS)
15 09 06
3. Economic Officer
26 23 03
4. Senior Research Officer[Indian Economic Services (IES)]
13 08 05 Posts are filled up by Deptt. of Economic Affairs.
5. Research Officer(IES) 10 04 06
6. Research Assistant
00 03 00 The posts of Research Assistants, and Carpenter have been categorized as supernumerary posts.
7. Carpenter
00 01 00
8. Technical Officer
01 01 00
9. Senior Artist
02 02 00
10. Joint Director [(Official Language (OL)] 01 00 01 Posts are filled up by Deptt. of Official Language
11. Asstt. Director(OL) 01 01 00
12. Senior Hindi Translator
02 02 00
13. Junior Hindi Translator
02 02 00
14. Principal Staff Officer/Sr. Principal Private Secretary 2 2 Nil
15. Principal Private Secretary
24 23 01 DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
16. Private Secretary
40 35 05 DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
17. Personal Assistant 30 21 09 DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
18. Stenographer Grade "D"
33 30 03 DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
19. Staff Car Driver 10 10+5# Nil
20. Multi-Tasking Staff 52 52+86# Nil
21. Assistant Photostat Equipment Operator 1 1+1# Nil

*05 ISS officers have been adjusted against the vacant GCS posts.
Supernumerary Posts

Annex IV
Sl. No. Name of the Post Sanctioned Strength Incumbents Vacancy Remarks
1. Section Officer 23 12 11 DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
2. Assistant Section Officer 35 36 -(01)
3. Junior Secretariat Assistant 00 01 -(01)
4. Assistant Library Information Officer 01 01 00

5. Library Information Assistant 04 02 02
6. Library Clerk 02 02 00
7. Senior Library Attendant 02 02 00
8. Accountant 01 01 00
9. Protocol Assistant 01 01 00